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In re Patent Application of:
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For: UNEXPECTED SURFACE PROTEINS IN
MENINGOCOCCUS

Examiner: P. Duffy

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 15, 2008 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20081211), for which a response was due on January 15, 2009. A petition and fees for a four-months' extension of time is filed herewith, thereby extending the period for reply to May 15, 2009. Applicants hereby provisionally elects Group 582 (SEQ ID NO: 207/NMB1799), claims 9-13, with traverse, for continued examination.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.